Secretary, Planning Commission. In the education sector, proposals worth Rs. 347.44 cr. have been approved so far.

The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has ensured that 10% of the plan allocation is spent on the North Eastern Region. This target has been achieved in 1999-2000 as well as 2000-2001.

Winding up of M/s SSPL

*187. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR has issued a show cause notice for winding up M/s Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.;

(b) whether BIFR had earlier indicated that a wind-up order will not be issued unless a revival scheme is submitted by the promoter/ company;

(c) whether revival scheme has been made by the company and forwarded to Government;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to submit the revival scheme before BIFR; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (e) BIFR, on the 17th October 2000 had, *inter alia,* directed the Operating Agency to issue advertisement inviting offers for the takeover/leasing/amalgamation/ merger for rehabilitation of the company giving three months time for submission of offers. The present promoters could also submit, if they so wished, a fully tied up comprehensive rehabilitation proposal in response to the advertisement, indicating clearly the means of finance with or without induction of a resourceful co-promoter. If no concrete rehabilitation proposal was received in response to the advertisement, the Bench might consider issuing a show cause notice for winding up without holding any further hearing. A revival plan was sent by the company to the Government. However, it was not

found to be viable. On the 30th June, 2001, the BIFR ordered that a show-cause notice for winding up the company should be issued. A notice has since been issued fixing 17.9.2001 as the next date on which this matter will be heard.

Horticulture development in Assam

*188. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes formulated for Assam for development of horticulture; and

(b) the present status of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (b) Government of India implemented several Centrally Sponsored Schemes, during 8th Plan and till October, 2000 in 9th Plan, for the development of horticulture in Assam. These schemes were for development of fruits, vegetables, floriculture, mushrorom, medicinal and aromatic plants, cashewnut, spices and also use of plastics in horticulture. The schemes were subsumed in October, 2000 in the scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture—Supplementation/ Complementation of States, efforts through Work Plans, which provides flexibility to the States to take up need based programmes.

To provide focused attention to horticulture in North-Eastern States, the Government of India launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim" which is being implemented from the current financial year. This scheme covers the State of Assam also. The Technology Mission aims to address all the issues of horticulture, including technological develoment, quality planting material, expansion of area, transfer of technology, mechanization, data collection through remote sensing, post harvest management, marketing, export and processing in a integrated manner. All the on-going horticulture development schemes have now become part of the Technology Mission.